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Sweden and Norway are the only countries where practically every grown man can read and write. Bavaria comes next in this respect.

Six million pounds weight of adulterated and harmful foods were destroyed by the health department of New York during the last twelve months.

Since the beginning of the last century no fewer than fifty-two volcanic islands have risen from the sea. Nineteen have since disappeared and ten are inhabited.

The life of a battleship is said to be twenty years. When you consider the fact that it takes from three to five years for a battleship to be born, this seems an absurdly short career.

Two million dollars' worth of gold is used every year to fill the teeth of the American people. It must bother John Bull a good deal if he knows there is so much gold that he can't annex.

It is estimated that the mud carried down stream every year by the Missouri river would cover a square mile of land four hundred feet deep. It is wholly superfluous to throw mud at that river.

The present number of Christian ministers in the United States is 149,963. There are 196,719 churches and 29,323,158 communicants. The Sunday schools number 139,317, teachers 1,411,807 and scholars 11,493,591.

Orders aggregating millions of dollars have been placed within the past few weeks for railway supplies of various kinds, illustrating the confidence of managers that traffic will increase faster than present facilities can provide for.

The River Jordan has long been considered the most winding river in the world, but it is not in the same class as the White river in Arkansas. This river flows 1,000 miles in going thirty miles as the crow flies.

Senator Allison is authority for the statement that President Roosevelt will call congress in extra session on October 1, two months in advance of the regular session, for the purpose of considering railroad rate investigation.

According to the Pennsylvania Railroad company's report of last year's operations, its 10,917 miles of track carried more than one and a half times as many passengers as the total population of the United States, and freight equivalent to three and one-half tons for each man, woman and child in the country. Its revenues exceeded \$238,000,000, and its net profits amounted to \$66,784,000.

The committee of interstate commerce will, it is announced hold its sessions in Washington beginning about the middle of April to consider the subject of railway rate legislation which was also dismissed without action at the close of the regular ses-

sion. Several members of this committee are among those who will sail in July with Secretary Taft's party for an investigation of conditions in the Philippines, so that it is not likely that they will consume many weeks in the discussion of railroad rates.

If one kills himself he is called a suicide, says an exchange; if he kills a brother he is called a fratricide; if he kills some one of his kin he is called a homicide, but if he kills his town by sending away to buy things he ought to buy at home he becomes the entire lot of "cides" mixed into one. We wonder if people who continually buy goods away from home ever think of the tendencies of this nefarious practice. They are helping to kill the town in which they live by destroying its business and lowering the price of real estate and driving out its population. Enough people engaged in this business will kill any town in a short time.

The date of the President's departure for the southwest and his hunting trip has not yet been announced but now that congress is off his hands it is probable that he will make it as early as possible. Nobody who knows the President will doubt that he is eager for the change from weddings, dinners, and cabinet meetings, from paved streets and flags and the tipping of many hats, from a dress coat and a set smile for the idyllic woods and the society of the cowboy where a "billed" shirt and a razor have never penetrated. There with a mustang and his gun he can woo forgetfulness of that balky steed, congress, which has tried his patience for three and a half long months.

The topographic maps of the United States geological survey have gained wide popularity in the last nine years. Whereas only 86,964 maps were distributed in 1895, there were 501,775 maps sent out in 1904. These were distributed as follows: Through retail sale, 47,906; through wholesale sale, 293,653; through members of congress, 27,987; to libraries and institutions, 75,112; for official use 57,117. Although the retail price of each map is only five cents and the wholesale price but two cents, the considerable sum of \$8,976.36 was received for maps. This merely defrays the cost of the presswork and does not pay for the paper on which the maps are printed or for the expense of distributing them.

Dr. Haskins reports that up to Saturday, March 18th, nineteen inches of rain has fallen in Jerome since January 1st.

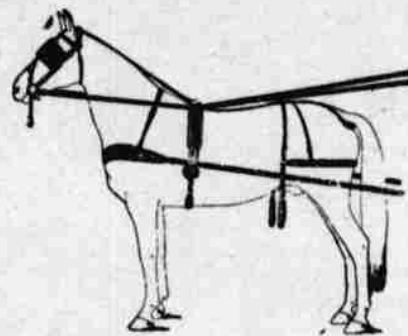
It is stated upon good authority that 500 Mexicans are placer mining in Weaver district, and that they are making good wages. The children are packing dirt in sacks from the hillside to the streams, which are running full, where the older Mexicans wash the dirt and take the gold therefrom. One little girl while walking near a place where a dry washer had been operated picked up a gold nugget, a very pretty one, which is valued at \$48—Courier.

Will Pay Heaviest License in Arizona.

Gambling is to be revived in Tucson, Arizona, on a small scale. A newcomer, whose name could not be learned, says the Post, has made application for a license to run a game on Broadway back of the former gambling resorts. He will install a roulette wheel, pay the license of \$250 per month and run the resort without drinks of any kind. As there is no provision in the ordinance which can prevent him from running the game, he may go on unmolested as long as he complies with the time limitations.

A FEW WORDS TO

HARNESS ..USERS..



A peculiar fact about the harness business is that raw material (leather and saddlery hardware) can be purchased in small quantities just as cheap as in large quantities. The harness factory or wholesale house pays an exorbitant rent, is at large expense for light, heat, power, insurance, taxes, interest on investment, foremen, office force and officials (who are non-producers), at large salaries, and last but by no means least, advertising and traveling men's expenses and salaries to sell the goods, which they figure alone at 25 per cent. These concerns are middle men, as they sell to merchant who in turn make a profit.

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